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The Philatelic West, Superior, Neb.

DON'T TAKE O R WORD FOR IT that the Southern Philatelist is the best stamp magazine published in the south to-day. Redfield's says: "It is really the most promising philatelic sheet that has appeared in Dixie for some time." We have many others like this, and you will say the same thing if you subscribe. Gaboon 1910, two nice sets and fine packet stamps, Greece, Servia, Bulgaria, China, Peru, Newfoundland, etc., free to each new subscriber. Sub. price only 15c (foreign 35c.) **Leon Carter Grosjean,** 1227 Oakland St., Shreveport, La.

L. C. Fritot, Havana, Cuba, writes:—"Many thanks for the philatelic paper you sent me. It is very interesting and I wish it many years of success."

Rudolph Lemieux.

K. C., M. P.

Postmaster-General of Canada.

AMONG the members of the bar of the Province of Quebec distinguished in early life, not only in their profession, but in the wider fields of politics and letters is Rudolph Lemieux, member of Parliament for the county of Gaspe, in the Province of Quebec. The son of H. A. Lemieux, Esq., Inspector of Customs in the Province of Quebec, he was born in the City of Montreal on the 1st day of November, 1866. Educated at Nicolet College and at Ottawa University, he first followed the profession of journalism. Resolving to make law his life's profession, he became a student thereof and in 1891 he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Civil Law at Laval University and was called to the bar of his native province in the same year. Subsequently, in 1896, he took the degree of L.L.D., from the same University. Not alone to the distinguished association in his profession (he having entered into partnership with the late Hon. Honore Mercier, at one time Premier of Quebec, and with the Hon. L. Gouin, Minister of Public Works for the same province) and in politics with two of the leading men in political life of his province at that time, does Mr. Lemieux owe his success that has come to him at such a comparatively early age, but to the ability displayed by him in the forum of the law, the lecture room of a great university, the political platform and as a political essayist. Actively interested in public and political affairs and an ardent Liberal he was elected at the general elections of 1896 to the House of Commons, for the county of Gaspe.

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EARLY CANADIAN STAMPS

Continued from July Issue.

OWING to these reductions, and also to the fact that a stamp for prepaying news-papers was needed, we find that e printers in New York were requisitioned for three new values. These stamps were printed, and in the case of the ½d. and 10d. values, were produced like the denominations already in use—in sheets of 100.

"The 7½d. value, however, for some reason or other was printed in sheets of 120, ten rows of twelve. All three values made their appearance on a wove paper, varying very considerably in thickness from a very stout, smooth paper to a very thin pelure, while specimens may also be found on paper that shows a marked ribbing.

"Although I do not wish to elaborate the existing list of catgue varieties, I think that two varieties of the 6d. on thick paper might be listed instead of one, one on thick, hard paper with a glazed appearance, and the other on an equally thick, but much softer, porous paper. The 3d. value, being used to repay the local letter rate, is a very common stamp in a used condition; blocks however, are very scarce, while pairs and strips are in proportion to single copies, not so very common. This scarcity of blocks is probably due to postal clerks frequently cutting up the sheets into rows to facilitate their quick delivery during the busy hours of the day.

"Mr. M. H. Horsley, a well known specialist in Canadian stamps, writing in the London Philatelist (April 1907) says:

'A minor variety of the 3d. exists in this and the following issue, called by those who seek for it a "double strike," occuring usually under one or both of the figures of value, caused I presume by some slight movement of paper, or plate during printing, or by uneven pressure during the process of preparation.'

"Mr. Sefi, in the Philatelic World (December, 1908) also describes these 'double strikes' as follows:

'In the ordinary stamp the design is enclosed in a double-lined rectangle, the space between which is quite clear; but in the double strike we always find that parts of the "3" cuts through the inside line and encroaches on the white space between the lines. Personally I do not attach much importance to these so-called 'double strikes,'

HON. RODOLPHE LEMIEUX

collectors, however, who are in search of fresh varieties can digest the above extracts and renew their search for fresh conquests, with added zest.'

"In fine condition these early Canadian imperforates should prove a good investment, in fact the following extract of prizes realized, taken from the auction catalogue (New York) of the late Mr. Seybold's collection should prove that these stamps are much appreciated by American collectors:

On original covers--

6d. purple-black and 10d. blue, pair of each, $125.00.

10d. blue, horizontal pair, $38.00.

7½d. green, vertical pair, one slightly damaged, $47.00.

6d. violet, on thick, soft paper, horizontal pair, $50.00.

6d. purple-black, on thick hard paper, three copies, not catalogued, $40.00.

6d. brown purple, perf. 12, off centre at top and right, $40.

6d. brown violet, perf. 12, vertical pair, well centred, $126.25.

Not on entires--

10d. blue, on thick paper, strip of 3, $80.00.

7½d. green, horizontal pair, slightly discolored $42.00.

7½d. green, strip of three, $135.00.

"Late in 1857, or early in 1858, three values most in demand, namely: the ½d., 3d. and 6d., were issued by the postal authorities in a perforated condition, while doubtless, had the New York printers retained the printing contract, the remaining values would also have been sent out perforated. Although at one time there was considerable doubt as to whether Messrs. Rawdon, Wright & Co., or the Canadian government perforated these stamps, I think it has now been settled that the perforating took pl( ) in New York, while it is almost equally certain that the few stamps which are known with freak perforations, namely: those guaging 13 or 14 are either the work of ingenious fakers or else they are in the nature of trial experiments by private firms before the adoption in 1858 of the official perforating machine.

"Referring again to Mr. King's article, I see he says that the total number of each value issued, including the perforated stamps were:

½d., 3,389,960.
3d., 3,528,700.
6d., 402,900,
7½d., 82,110.
10d., 151,500.
12d., 1,510.

"From these figures it would appear that the half-penny value should be almost as common, in a used condition, as the 3d. denomination, but I think it is granted that it is fully ten times as rare, due no doubt to the fact that the half-penny stamps, largely used on newspapers, were not put to one side by the recipients, as was frequently the

case with the higher value which franked a letter.

"The remainder of the "pence" issues which were on he government's hands when the "cents" stamps came into use, were, so we are told, destroyed. Taking the above figures as being correct, it becomes quite unnecessary for me to point out that the 12d. stamp ((very desirable item to possess. Gibbons does not price it unused, but in a table which I have compiled from the current catalogues, it is seen that this discrepancy is amply rectified by other cataloguers. Needless to say it depends upon the condition of any of the stamps in the following list as to whether they are cheap or not--a good copy at $25 would be infinitely cheaper than a soiled specimen at $12.50. The peices in Bright's catalogue are in most instances, much under Gibbon and Scott, but the publishers state:

'Prices quoted for the issues ' 1851-1857 are for ordinary ((pies. Specimens with good margins around the print can be supplied at an increased rate.'

"No mere table of prices can convey what any rare stamp in superb condition is likely to be worth. The prices realized at the New York sale are a fair criterion of the present market value of some of these stamps, but even here, not having seen the stamps, or being the supreme umpire on the subject of condition, it would be impossible to say whether the fine stamps might not have been finer, and realized even higher figures."

New Issues of British Colonials

BY. J. B. C. FERNLEY.

JULY, 1910.

MAURITIUS. This celebrated island colony has just issued an entirely new set including amongst the several values, King Edward's portrait. The 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 15c. are of the familiar "Arms" type, but each printed in one single color on white paper, with the exception of the 4 cents which has the value in red; the other values 5, 12, 25 and 50c. are of the ordinary King's head colonial type. All are on M.C.A. paper.

"Arms" type:

1c., black.
2c., brown.
3c., green.
4c., olive and red.
6c., carmine.
8c., orange.
15c., ultramarine.

Head of King Edward VII:

5c., grey and carmine.
12c., grey.
25c., black and red on yellow.
50c., purple and black.

South Australia.—The 3d. and 6d. values of the large

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SCOTT'S circular says that an enterprising statistician has already figured out that there are in use at present 535 varieties of British and British Colonial stamps, having a face value of £64 3s. 5d., bearing the portrait of King Edward, and which will have to be changed within the next few years.

The first King George stamps bid fair to appear more promptly than was the case after Queen Victoria's death. We are informed that new designs for the Great Britain set have already been submitted for the King's approval.

PRESIDENT Dunning has resigned from the presidency of the Winnipeg Hobby Club and Mr. O. Kendall, director, will in future manage the details of the club in person.

WE are in receipt of Butler Bros. Exchange Circular. This well known British firm are located at Clevedon, and have for many years been noted for their cheap sets and approval sheets. They offer good stamps in exchange and any of our readers having duplicates in quantity should send for their list, which is sent for four cents post free.

SCOTT'S Standard Catalogue for 1911 is now well under way and will be ready at the usual time of publication in the fall. Any correspondents having notes of errors, suggestions, etc., to offer, are requested to send them in at once. The firm state that every year many of their friends, who do not realize that the preparation of the catalogue requires several months, send suggestions too late to be of use.

WHITFIELD King & Co., Ipswich, England, forward their July and August list of philatelic novelties. Established as far back as 1869 this reliable firm still keep in the front rank. Their list is published about ten times a year (not on fixed dates), and will be sent regularly to any fixed address on receipt of the postage only, 12 cents per 12 numbers. The firm are pioneers of

the new issue trade, which has been their specialty for more than 35 years, and claim that their system is more complete and efficient than any other, while their terms are equally moderate.

AS showing how philately is progressing in South America, the Philatelic Journal of merica says that the postal authorities of the Argentine Republic intend to form an official collection of stamps and have reserved in the annual budget several thousand dollars per annum for the purpose. The Argentine Government recently gave 5,000 pesos towards the Philatelic Exhibition to be held in Buenos Aires next month.

THE London Philatelic Co., of Hemel Hempstead, Eng., whose announcements we welcome in our advertising columns as the first firm from "over the seas" to patronize The Canadian Philatelist, started business several years ago in Hatton Garon, London, E.C., and three years ago removed to their present address, where they carry on a large business in different parts of the globe, having customers and agents in nearly every country and state. The firm have always made a specialty of the approval business, their slogan being to "send anything in the stamp line anywhere on the globe." When once they get in touch with a customer their generous manner of doing business, the variety of stamps submitted from the lowest to the highest values, their reasonable prices quoted, always bring the firm fresh customers.

The company make a specialty of putting up books of any countries desired, to suit each individual collector.

The partners of the firm, A. D. Aldridge and J. Waitt, are experienced philatelists, Mr. Waitt being also a member of the Stamp Trade Protection Association, London, and of the A.P.S. (U.S.A.)

Mr. Waitt is a firm believer in advertising the good things he has to sell, and makes a custom of offering something good in the stamp line free to all applicants for approval sheets, believing that a customer is always better pleased with an approval selection than sets or packets in which he invariably find some specimens he already possesses.

We are the proud owners of a Rowland Hill Jubilee postcard and envelope given away by the firm some months ago, and from long experience in purchasing stamps to fill up sets we can in every way recommend The London Philatelic Co., to collectors in the Dominion, both beginners and advanced.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mekeel who celebrated their silver wedding on July 28th.

New Issues of British Colonials

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stamps have appeared perf. 12.

Perf. 12, wmk. Crown A:

3d., olive.

6d., green.

West Australia.--The 10d. value has been received on Crown A. paper, perf. 12½.

10d., orange.

St. Kitts-Nevis. -- The 6d. value on chalky paper has just come to hand.

Wmk. M.C.A., chalky paper:

6d., purple and grey.

With reference to South Australia in the June number, this should read: "new shades of the four lower values and of the 4d. in orange instead of orange red," instead of as printed, as it looks as if four provisionals have been issued. This is not so.

New Issues Received, June.

Morocco Agencies (British). --The new 4d. English stamp (orange) has now appeared surcharged "Morocco Agencies 40 Centimos."

4d., orange.

Federated Malay States.-The colour of the 8 cents has been altered to all blue instead of blue and black and the paper is multiple C.A.

8c., ultramarine.

Transvaal.--Some months ago the 2d. stamp was reported to have been printed in "all lilac" and to have been destroyed. It has however now been issued on mul. C.A. paper.

2d., lilac.

Gibraltar.--The 2d. stamp has appeared in gray to conform to the colonial colour scheme.

2d., grey.

Bermuda.--A new design is now in issue but only the ½d. value is on sale at present. It represents a ship of the seventeenth century in full sail.

½d., green.

Bahamas.--A new shade of the 4d. stamp is reported.

4d., orange.

Victoria.--The 1d. carmine stamp has been received with the new perforation 11½x12.

1d., carmine.

SPEAKING of the forthcoming issues of King George, a writer to a London paper, says, "As a rule it will be found that the elaborateness of a stamp varies inversely with the importance of the state to which it belongs. The most gorgeous stamps belong to obscure American Republics. Our own stamps are poor in design and poorer in colour. The colour must remain as they are, for that is an international agreement, though I would we might return to the delicate lilac or the rich brick-red of Victorian stamps. The design it should be possible to improve."

At a sale of stamps recently by Messrs. Puttick & Simpson, London, a Newfoundland, 1860 1s. orange, realized $29.20.

Answers to Correspondents

Vera S. Page.-- Thanks for good wishes. The stamp you enclose is the penny red brown Great Britain 1856-7.

Rasmus Bartleson. --- Have pleasure in complying with your request.

G. Rossiter.--Bright & Son, 4 Strand, London, publish a catalogue of envelopes, post cards, etc., of all the world, post-free 42 cents.

Notes of Interest

HIS Majesty King George V has received in audience Mr. J. A. Tilleard, the Hon. Secretary of the Royal Philatelic Society, who has for many years superintended the care and arrangements of the Royal collections.

Mr. Bertram McRennal, A. R. A., it is said has been instructed to design the new British ins. Mr. McRennal is an Australian artist and will probably design the new stamps.

The Colonial Office Journal says that the Turks and Caicos Islands, have been supplied with a farthing stamp printed from steel plates in crimson lake, the design being a representation of a local tropical plant known as the melocactus communis, or Turk's Head.

The cost of the new plates and dies for printing the new New Zealand stamps is stated to be $3,500.

A correspondent in London says that a new design for the two-penny Great Britain, with King Edward's head printed in bright violet, was printed, but held over on the death of the sovereign. Whether the stamp will be placed in circulation has not yet been decided.

Belgium has produced two charity sets of stamps instead of one, each of the accepted designs has been produced in the entire series. Fortunately, the whole series can be obtained for a few cents.

Messrs. De la Rue & Co., printers of the stamps of Great Britain for many years have lost the contract for the new issue of King George. Messrs. Harison & Sons, Printers in Ordinary to the King have been successful in securing the award. Their contract starts with the beginning of the New Year, and will start with the eagerly looked for issue of the present king. Great Britain uses about 15,000,000 stamps per day.

The Philatelic Societies of British Guiana propose holding a philatelic exhibition next year.

Vernon P. Pierce & Co., write: "Your paper is certainly worthy of success."

POLAND, HISTORICAL AND PHILATELIC.

THE above is the title of a dainty little booklet sent out with the compliments of the Stamp Collector, Columbus, Ohio, and issued as a souvenir by that enterprising journal of the Twenty-fifth Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Society, Detroit, August 15-20, 1910.

The volume is compiled and arranged by George K. Smith, jr., Henry S. Adair and George W. Linn, and printed by Wm. Linn & Sons Co., Columbus.

The work, devoted as it is to a country whose philatelic history was of the briefest, deals in an entertaining and exhaustive manner with the history of Poland and its few postal issues, which are beautifully illustrated by colored plates.

RECENT changes in Uruguay postal methods will have a marked effect upon the supply of cancelled stamps from that country. In the past, it has been the custom for the postage on newspapers, circulars, price-lists and other printed matter to be paid in bulk, high values being cancelled in the process. By a new law, all printed matter except newspapers must henceforth have the postage paid on each one. This means a great decrease in the use of 1, 2 and 3 peso stamps and a corresponding increase in the supply of half and one cent. values, particularly the former.

The Philatelic Society of Sweden, has issued a warning against current imperforate 5 o. and 20 o. stamps of that country which are now being offered. The statement is made that they are printer's waste and that the post-office officials will not accept them for postage.

Scott's Circular says that English collectors are laughing at their government, recent discoveries by philatelists having revealed the fact that the forgeries of the Great Britain, one shilling, made in 1871 to defraud the Crown, were in use undetected for over a year. It is hard to imagine anything of the sort occuring in any leading nation to-day, with thousands of collectors watching current stamps for the slightest variation. The last serious attempt to defraud Uncle Sam a few years ago, by floating counterfeit 2c. stamps, was promptly nipped through their discovery by stamp enthusiasts. [The 2c. carmine 1894 U.S. was discovered counterfeited in April 1895. There were 1,271,048,700 of the genuine stamp issued up to May 2, when the paper was watermarked. Counterfeits sell at $3.80.

Vera S. Page, Moosomin, Sask., writes "The Canadian Philatelist is splendid, and just the thing to help on collectors. I like it very much."

Venezuela Commemorative Issue

MEKEEL'S Weekly chronicles the new commemorative stamp for this country. The stamp is horizontal oblong, nearly square, and is printed in a single color. In the center is a standing figure of Liberty, with hands outstretched, and sitting figures of Peace and Labour at her feet. In the foreground are branches of corn and oak, and the background shows a view of Caracas. In the upper corners are similar medallions with portraits of Simon Bolivar, Libertado and Francisca de Miranda. The figures of value are in small circles with "centimes" above each. Pillars at the sides, that at the right has the dates 1810-1910 and that on the left 1811-1911 on broad ribbons. "Correos de Venezuela" is printed in a curved line above the picture, and the other inscriptions "Centenario de la Independencia" separated in two parts by the arms of the country at the base of the stamp, and at the top "Union unite, or Anarchy will devour you." The American Bank Note Co., are said to have received an order for one million of these stamps.

Designs for new postage stamps, says the London Times have been under consideration for some time past, and it is probable that an announcement upon this subject may be made before long. It is considered likely that the first of the new stamps will be issued early next year. Although all the stamps will bear a portrait of King George, different designs may be accepted for stamps of various values. Attention has been drawn repeatedly in recent years to the fact that in some colonies stamps have been circulated which bear other designs than the sovereign's portrait. It is understood that in view of the tendency of stamps of this character to increase, certain remonstrances were conveyed to the governors of colonies and dependencies at the beginning of the last reign, and that in many cases the practice was abandoned. It is probable that the portrait of King George will be generally imprinted upon the postage stamps which will be issued in the course of the next few weeks in all parts of the Empire.

Mr. George Robey, the well known Music Hall artiste, was recently the defendant in an action brought by Mr. G. Ginn, the well known London stamp dealer, to recover between $1,000 and $1,500 for stamps supplied.

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